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FARMER'S HYMN.

God of the hills and verdant plains,
I bless thy ruling hand;
For drifting snows and gentle rains
Are sent by thy command.

The opening spring is decked by thee
With each delightful flower,
And every leaf and blade I see
Bears impress of thy power.

The ripening summer's burning sun,
The winter's piercing cold,
The changing seasons as they run,
Thy wisdom, Lord, unfold.

The joy that centres in my cot,
No less thy wisdom owns—
With rural happiness my lot,
I cannot envy thine.

Love dwells within my peaceful breast
At every morning's dawn;
And when the sun sinks in the west,
My cares are all withdrawn.

Bless the hill, the purring brook,
God nature's fond retreat,
With gratitude to thee I look,
And songs of joy repeat.

For lot so blest, my voice I raise,
Almighty God, to thee—
Although thou needst not angel's praise,
Much less such praise from me.

THIS STORY TELLING.

THE WIDOW BY BREVET.

BY N. P. WILLIS.

Let me introduce the courteous reader to two

ladies.

Miss Picklin, a tall young lady of twenty-one,

near enough to good looking to permit of a delu-

sion on the subject (of which however she had

an entire monopoly,) with cheeks always red in

a small spot, lips not so red as the cheeks, rather

thin, sharp nose, and waist very slender; and

last (not least important,) a very long neck,

scalloped on either side in a resemblance of a

scroll of shagreened parchment, which might or

might not be considered as a misfortune, serving

her as a title-deed to twenty thousand dollars.

The scold was inflexible and the fortune left in

consequence, by a maiden aunt, who, in the

boyhood of Miss Picklin attempted to cure the

child's sore throat by an application of cabbage

leaves steeped in hot vinegar.

Miss Euphemia Picklin commonly called Phen-

icia, a good humored girl, rather inclined to be

fat, but gifted with several points of beauty of

which she was not at all aware, very much a pet

among her female friends, admitting with per-

The captain himself was rather taken aback.

He had known old Abdoul for many years,—

had traded and smoked with him in the cafes of

Galata, had gone out with him on Sunday to

lounges on the tombstones at Scutari, and had

never thought twice about his yellow gown and

red trousers; but what the deuce would be

thought of them in Salem? True, it was his

son; through three generations; he knew that,

from remembering this very boy all but smothered

in a sort of saffron blanket, with sleeves

like pillow-cases—his first assumption of the *tego*

virilis (not that old Picklin knew Latin, but such

was his sentiment better expressed.) Then

he had never been asked to the house of the

Stamboul merchant, not introduced to his wives

nor his daughters, (indeed, he had forgotten

that old Keut was near cutting his throat for asking

after them,) but of course it was very different

in Salem. Young Keut must be the Picklin

guest, fed and lodged, and the girls would

want to give him a tea-party. Would he sit on

a chair, or wear cushions on the floor? Would

he come to dinner with his breast bare, and

leave his boots outside? Would he eat rice

pudding with his fingers? Would he think it

indecent if the girls didn't wear linen clothes,

Turkey fashion, over their mouths and noses?

Would he bring his pipes? Would he fall on

his face and say his prayers four times a day,

wherever he should be (with a clean place hand-

dy?) What would the neighbors say? The

captain worked himself into a violent perspira-

tion with merely thinking of all this.

The Salemites have a famous museum, and

know 'what sort of a thing is your crocodile';

but a live Turk consigned to Captain Picklin!

It set the town in a fever!

It would have an indefinite opening for a

conjecture to Miss Picklin's present age, were it

to state whether or not the arrival of the *Simple*

Susan was registered by telegraph. She ran in

with a fair wind one Sunday morning, and was

immediately boarded by the harbor-master and

Captain Picklin; and there, true to the prophetic

boodles of the old Ismaili, the young Turk sat

cross-legged on the quarter deck, in a white tur-

ban and scarlet *eteceras*, smoking his father's

identical pipe,—no other, captain would have

taken his oath!

Up rose Hassan, when informed who was his

visitor, and taken old Picklin's hand, put it in

his forehead. The weather stained sea-captain

had bleached in the counting-house, and he had

not at first sight remembered the old friend of

his father. He passed the pipe into Ismail's

hand, and begged him to keep it as a memento

of Abdoul, for his father had died at the last Ra-

mazan. Hassan had come out to see the world,

and secure a continuance of codfish and good-

will from the house of Picklin; and the mer-

chant got astride of the tiller of his old craft,

and smoked this news through his amber-mouth-

ed legacy, while the youth went below to get

ready to go ashore.

The reader, of course would prefer to share

the first impressions of the ladies as to the young

Musliman's personal appearance, and I pass,

at once therefore, to their disappointment, sur-

prise, mortification, and vexation; when, as the

bells were ringing for church, the crowd

opened, their father entered, and in followed a

young gentleman in frock-coat and trousers!

Yes, and in his hand a hat, a black hat,—and

on his feet yellow boots but calf-skin, mun-

dane and common calf-skin, and with no shav-

ed head, and no twisted shawl around his waist;

nothing to be seen but a very handsome young

man, indeed, with teeth like a fresh slice of

coconut meat, and a very deliberate pronuncia-

tion to his bad English.

(as she chose to call him)—extremely *decollete*,

in a pink silk dress with short sleeves, and in a

turban with the gold fringe,—the latter of

course, out of compliment to his country.

'Money is power,' even in family circles, and it

was only Miss Picklin who exercised the privi-

lege of full dress at mid-day dinner. Phenicia

came to the table dressed as at breakfast and if

she felt at all conscious of her sister's pink gown

and elbows to match, it did not appear in her

pleasant face or sisterly attention. The captain

would allow any thing and do almost anything

for his rich daughter; but as to dining with his

coat on, in hot weather, company or no com-

pany, he would rather,—

"He set quick?" the earth,

And bowed to death with turnips?"

though that is not the way he expressed it. The

parti cerree therefore (for there was no Mrs.

Picklin) was, in the matter of costume, rather

incongruous, but as the Turk took it for granted

that it was all according to the customs of the

country, the carving was achieved by the shirt-

sleeved captain, and the pudding 'helped,' by

his bare-armed daughter, with no particular

commotion, in the elements. Earthquakes do

not invariably follow violations of etiquette, par-

ticularly where nobody is offended.

After the first day things took their natural

course,—as near as they were able. Hassan was

not very quick at conversation, always taken at

least five minutes to put together for delivery

a sentence of English; but his laugh did not

fire, nor did his hand fire, nor did his nod

fire, and where ladies are voluble (as ladies some-

times are) this paucity of ammunition on the

gentleman's part is no prelude to discomfiture.

Then Phenicia had a very fair smattering of

Italian, and that being the business language of the

Levant, Hassan took refuge in it whenever

brought to a stand-still in English,—a refuge,

by the way, of which he seemed inclined to avail

himself oftener than was consistent with

Miss Picklin's exclusive property in his atten-

tion. Rebellious though Hassan might secretly

have been to this authority over himself, Phenicia

was no accomplice, natural modesty combining

with the long habits of subservience to make

her even anticipate the exactions of the heiress;

and so Miss Picklin had 'Mr. Keut' principally

to herself, promencing him through the streets

of Salem, and bestowing her sweetness upon

him from his morning entrance to his evening

exit; Phenicia relieving guard very cheerfully,

while her sister dressed for dinner. It was pos-

sible from being permitted to converse in Italian

during this half hour, that Hassan made it the

only part of the day in which he talked of him-

self and his house on the Bosphorus, but that

will not account also, for Phenicia's sighing while

she listened,—never having sighted before in his

life, not even when the same voice was talking

English to her sister.

Without going into a description of the Pick-

lin tea-party at which Hassan was persuaded to

figure in his oriental costume, while Miss Pick-

lin sat by him on a cushion, urbaned and (prob-

ably) cross-legged, *a la Sultan*, and without

recording other signs satisfactory to the Salemites,

that the young Turk had fallen to the scald-

ed ashes.

"I must come plump to the fact that on the Mon-

day following one week after his arrival, Has-

san left Salem unaccompanied by Miss Picklin.

As he had asked for no private interview in the

best parlour, and had made his final business ar-

rangements with the captain, so that he could

take passage from New York without returning,

some people were inclined to fancy that Miss

Picklin's demonstrations with regard to him had

been a little premature. And 'some people'

under their sufficient protection, to be wedded,

if she should so please, on the day of her arrival

in the 'Golden Horn.'

As Miss Picklin had preserved a mysterious

silence on the subject of 'Mr. Keut's attention

since his departure, and as a lady with twenty

thousand dollars in her own right is, of course,

quite independent of parental control, the cap-

tain after running his eye hastily through the

document, called to the boy who was weighing

out a quintal of codfish, and bid him wrap the

letter in a brown paper, and run with it to Miss

Picklin,—taking it for granted that she knew

more about the matter than he did, and would

explain it all when he came home to dinner.

In thinking the matter over on his way home,

it occurred to old Picklin that it was worded as

if he had but one daughter. At any rate, he

was quite sure that neither of his daughters was

particularly specified either by name or age.—

No doubt it was all right, however. The girls

understood it.

"So it is you miss?" he said, as Miss Picklin

looked down from the turban she was trying on

before the glass.

"Certainly, pa! who else should it be?"

And there ended the captain's doubts, for he

never again got sight of the letter, and the tur-

ban of preparation for Miss Picklin's voyage,

made the house anything but a place for getting

answers to impertinent questions. Phenicia, whom

the news had made thoughtful, let drop a hint

or two that she would like to see the letter; but

a mysterious air, and 'La, child you would not

understand it,' was check enough for her tim-

idity, and she pined her needle upon her sister's

wedding dress, with patient submission.

The preparation for the voyage went on

swimmingly. The missionaries were written to

and willingly consented to chaperon Miss Pick-

lin over the seas provided her union with the

pagan was to be sanctified with a christian cere-

monial. Miss Picklin replied with virtuous

promptitude that the cake for the wedding was

already soldered up in a tin case, and that she

was to be married, immediately on her arrival,

under an awning on the brig's deck and she

hoped four of the missionaries, wives would

oblige her by standing up as her bridesmaids.

Many square feet of codfish were unladen from

the 'Simple Susan,' to make room for boxes and

bags, and one large case was finally shipped, the

contents of which had been shopped for by la-

dies with families,—no book of oriental travels

making any allusion to the sale of such articles

in Constantinople, though in the natural course

of things, they must be wanted as much in Tur-

key as in Salem.

The brig was finally cleared and lay off in the

stream, and on the evening before the embark-

ation the missionaries arrived and were invited

to a tea-party at the Picklins. Miss Picklin had

got up a little surprise for her friends which was

to close the party,—a 'walking tableau' as she

termed it, in which should suddenly make her

apparition at one door, pass through and go out

the other dressed as a sultana, with a muslin kir-

ite and satin trousers.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.
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